



Rec'd PCT/PTO



27 MAY 2005

10/536787

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

PCT



INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Applicant's or agent's file reference   | FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) |  |
| International application No.<br><b>PCT/KR2003/002433</b>   | International filing date (day/month/year)<br><b>12 NOVEMBER 2003 (12.11.2003)</b>                                     | Priority date (day/month/year)<br><b>28 NOVEMBER 2002 (28.11.2002)</b> |
| International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC<br><br><b>IPC7 H04Q 7/24</b> |  |  |
| Applicant<br><br><b>PARK, Jong-Do et al</b>   |  |  |

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 8 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
- I ☒ Basis of the report
  - II ☐ Priority
  - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
  - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
  - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
  - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
  - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
  - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Date of submission of the demand<br><br><b>16 MARCH 2004 (16.03.2004)</b>   | Date of completion of this report<br><br><b>18 MARCH 2005 (18.03.2005)</b>   |
| Name and mailing address of the IPEA/KR<br> Korean Intellectual Property Office<br>920 Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu, Daejeon 302-701,<br>Republic of Korea<br>Facsimile No. 82-42-472-7140 | Authorized officer<br><br><b>KIM, Ki Heun</b><br><br>Telephone No. 82-42-481-8221<br> |

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages 7-8 \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of 25/02/2005
- ☒ the claims:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages 62-67 \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of 25/02/2005
- ☐ the drawings:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 13-22
- ☐ the drawings, sheets \_\_\_\_\_

## 5.

- ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

International application No.

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

|                               |             |     |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Novelty (N)                   | Claims 1-12 | YES |
|                               | Claims      | NO  |
| Inventive step (IS)           | Claims      | YES |
|                               | Claims 1-12 | NO  |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims 1-12 | YES |
|                               | Claims      | NO  |

### 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1) D1 : KR 1999-79196 A

D2 : KR 2000-37513 A

Claims 1-12 of the present invention relate to a management certification system of a free-call ticket which a chain-store offers its customers as a reward after selling merchandise or services. Its characteristic functions include the following things: storing supply and demand information on free-call tickets in management server; carrying out the certification process of a free-call ticket and the deduction of free-call bills.

On the other hand, D1 discloses how to impose tax on mobile telecommunication service center, which comprises the following steps: a step where a service business center provides free-call; a step where mobile telecommunication center certifies the said free-call information; a step where the mobile telecommunication center imposes tax on the business center which provides free-calls. Besides, D2 discloses a system and a method that a user makes free-calls in a limited time as a reward corresponding to the purchasing amount in shopping.

The argument received at 25/02/2005 insists that the claims 1-22 differs from D1 and D2 since there are no broker, advance payment, and substitution of toll in D1 and D2. Though the broker system, advance payment, and substitution of toll are not mentioned in D1 and D2, they can be easily invented by a person skilled in the art through the prior art: D1 and D2.

Therefore, claims 1-12 lacks an inventive step.